



Open Line

a newsletter for you, our residents

August at the Auburn Public Library

ADULTS CREATE! PERLER BEAD TRINKETS

August 11, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
August 15, 2 – 4 p.m.

This month, we're revisiting a childhood favorite craft by spending a little time slowing down to create fun trinkets using Perler beads. Registration is required.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Ages 3–5 years

BEDTIME BUDDIES

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Ages 0–5 years

BABY'S 1ST STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
Ages 0–12 months

UNTIDY TALES

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
Ages 2–5 years

TODDLER TALES

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
Ages 1–2 years

LULLABIES FOR LITTLE ONES

Thursdays, 1 p.m.
Ages 0–1 year

PUPPET SHOW

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
All ages

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
All ages

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2026 CITY OF AUBURN

Municipal Election

Voter's Guide to Auburn's 2026 Municipal Election

The 2026 Municipal Election is coming up on Aug. 25, giving residents the opportunity to elect Auburn's mayor and one councilperson for each of the City's eight wards for the 2026-2030 term. Here are some key FAQs to help you navigate this election season:

Am I eligible/registered to vote?

All registered voters who have lived within Auburn City limits for at least 30 days before the election may vote in the 2026 Municipal Election. The last day to register to vote in the Aug. 25 election is Aug. 10.

Voters may register with the Lee County Board of Registrars at the Benny G. Adkins Meeting Center (205 S. 10th St. in Opelika) or at alabamavotes.gov. Voters may also print a registration form available at alabamavotes.gov, fill it out and mail it to the Lee County Board of Registrars at P.O. Box 1530, Opelika, AL, 36801 (334-737-3635).

What ward am I in?

To verify your current ward, visit auburnal.gov and enter your address at the bottom of the page in the Civic Services footer. Information about city services for your address, including which ward you live in, will populate.

Where do I vote?

Some voting locations have changed since the last municipal election in 2022. All Auburn residents are encouraged to confirm their current ward and voting location. Find your information by entering your address into the Civic Services footer at auburnal.gov.

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS
Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-5 years

STEAM LAB
Ages 5-8 years
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
(beginning August 18)

AWESOME ART
Ages 9-12 years
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
(beginning August 18)

LOCAL AUTHORS IN THE LIBRARY
Saturday, August 15, 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m.

BOOK TRIVIA
Adults 18+
Saturday, August 23, 2 p.m.

BOARD GAME DAY
All ages
Saturday, August 8



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The polls will be open at these locations from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Aug. 25:

- Ward 1:** Boykin Community Center (400 Boykin Street)
- Ward 2:** Frank Brown Recreation Center (235 Opelika Road)
- Ward 3:** Embrace Church (2142 North College Street)
- Ward 4:** Church of the Highlands (2001 East Samford Avenue)
- Ward 5:** Dean Road Recreation Center (307 S. Dean Road)
- Ward 6:** Parkway Baptist Church (766 East University Drive)
- Ward 7:** Lake Wilmore Park Recreation Center (2000 Grove Hill Road)
- Ward 8:** Wire Road Soccer Complex (2340 Wire Road)

Am I eligible to apply for an absentee ballot?

If you're unable to make it to the polls on Election Day, Aug. 25, you may apply for an absentee ballot if you meet certain criteria. Detailed information on qualifying for an absentee ballot can be found by visiting auburnal.gov/elections or by calling City Hall at 334-501-7260.

How do I vote absentee?

Absentee ballot applications are now available at City Hall and may be returned by mail or in-person. Mail-in applications must be received at City Hall by Aug. 18, and in-person applications must be received by Aug. 20. Business emergency or medical emergency applications may be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Absentee ballots will be available at City Hall by July 28 and must be received by mail no later than Aug. 25 at Noon or delivered in-person by Aug. 24.

Voters who apply for an absentee ballot before ballots are available will be mailed a ballot once they are available. Voters who apply once ballots are available will have the option to submit their application and vote at the same time.

Find more info about the 2026 Municipal Election at auburnal.gov/elections



National Night Out set for Aug. 4

Auburn Public Safety invites community members, families, residents and stakeholders to celebrate the 43rd annual National Night Out (NNO) on Aug. 4.

From 5:30-7:30 p.m., residents are invited to come together in the field behind Duck Samford Stadium (1623 E. Glenn Ave.) to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity.

The evening will feature free food and family-friendly fun for all ages including local organizations with free community resources, a meet and greet with Auburn school resource officers, a Touch-a-Truck display, an Auburn Police K9 demonstration and more!

The City of Auburn will be one of over 17,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases participating in this nationwide event. National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

To learn more about National Night Out, visit natw.org. For event inquiries, email Rachael Hamilton at rhamilton@auburnal.gov.

End-of-summer fun with Parks and Recreation

Auburn steps into August with family traditions, citywide adventures and late summer favorites from Auburn Parks and Recreation as the community enjoys the final stretch of the season before school begins.

The month begins with **City Market** at Town Creek Park, open every Saturday through August 29. Visitors can shop fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items and more from local growers and artisans. City Market offers a relaxed way to start the weekend while supporting small businesses and enjoying the beauty of the park.

Families can spend the entire month exploring Auburn through the **Itty Bitty Scavenger Hunt**, taking place August 1-31. Beginning August 1, participants can pick up a clue sheet that leads to locations across the city. Each stop reveals a letter to record, and once all letters have been collected, families can unscramble them to discover a secret phrase. The phrase unlocks access to a prize drawing on MyRec, with winners announced the week the hunt concludes. The Itty Bitty Scavenger Hunt offers



a fun, flexible way for families to explore Auburn at their own pace.

As summer winds down, families are invited to enjoy one last Saturday of fun before the first full week of school at the **Big Summer Sendoff** on August 8. This family friendly event features bounce houses, face painting, a foam party, ice cream and more. Guests are encouraged to pack their swimsuits and register for a jam packed, two hour session between noon and 4 p.m. at Lake Wilmore Park Recreation Center and Pool. Pre-registration is required, and the event is free for Auburn residents.

From bustling markets and citywide scavenger hunts to a lively end of summer celebration, August offers a full lineup of ways to enjoy the final days of the season with Auburn Parks and Recreation.

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upcoming events

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Programs and events are subject to change.

Find up-to-date information at auburnal.gov.

Parks & Recreation
auburnal.gov/parks

Auburn Public Library
auburnal.gov/library

City Meetings
auburnal.gov/boards

Citywide Events
auburnal.gov

City Market Town Creek 8 a.m.
Family Storytime
Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers
Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.
Itty Bitty Auburn Scavenger Hunt Begins

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Harvest Market Vendor Applications Open
Jingle Jog Registration Begins
Fall Season Program Registration Begins
Cemetery Advisory Board | 4 p.m.

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Fall Adult Softball & Kickball Registration Opens
Preschool Time
Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board | 11:45 a.m.
Committee of the Whole
TBD
City Council | 6 p.m.
Bedtime Buddies
Tuesdays | 6 p.m.

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Baby's First Story Time
Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Untidy Tales
Wednesdays | 1 p.m.
Board of Zoning Adjustment | 4:30 p.m.

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Toddler Tales | 9:30 a.m.
Lullabies for Little Ones
1 p.m.

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Puppet Show
Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Tree Commission | 11:30 a.m.

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Board Game Day
City Market Town Creek 8 a.m.
Family Storytime
Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers
Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.
Big Summer Send-Off | Noon

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Planning Commission Packet Meeting | Noon

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Preschool Time | 9:30 a.m.
Adults Create! Perler Beads | 5:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation Commission | 4 p.m.
Bedtime Buddies | 6 p.m.

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Baby's First Story Time
Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Untidy Tales
Wednesdays | 1 p.m.

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Toddler Tales | 9:30 a.m.
Lullabies for Little Ones
1 p.m.
City Council Agenda Review Meeting | 4 p.m.
Planning Commission | 5 p.m.

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Puppet Show
Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

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City Market Town Creek Park 8 a.m.
Family Storytime
Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers
Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.
Local Authors in the Library | 2 p.m.
Adults Create! Perler Beads | 2 p.m.

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Preschool Time | 9:30 a.m.
Auburn Public Library Board | 10 a.m.
Greenspace Advisory Board
Noon
STEAM Lab | 3:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole
TBD
City Council | 6 p.m.
Bedtime Buddies | 6 p.m.

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Baby's First Story Time
Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Untidy Tales
Wednesdays | 1 p.m.
Awesome Art
Wednesdays | 4 p.m.

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Toddler Tales | 9:30 a.m.
Lullabies for Little Ones
1 p.m.
Water Works Board
4 p.m.

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Puppet Show
Fridays | 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

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City Market Town Creek Park 8 a.m.
Family Storytime
Saturdays | 9:30 a.m.
Movers & Shakers
Saturdays | 10:30 a.m.
Book Trivia | 2 p.m.

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Itty Bitty Auburn Scavenger Hunt Ends

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City Elections
Preschool Time | 9:30 a.m.
Summer Serendipity | 2 p.m.
Bedtime Buddies | 6 p.m.

Baby's First Story Time
Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Untidy Tales
Wednesdays | 1 p.m.
Awesome Art
Wednesdays | 4 p.m.

Fall Adult Softball & Kickball Registration Closes
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1 p.m.
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